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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington - Rain; gale along coast.

THE FRANKLIN TYPE.

The farther away a country gets, in point of years, from its highest types of virtuous manhood and noble citizenship, the fewer of the ilk it finds among the citizenry, Benjamin Franklin is practically without a peer today in the land he made famous by a personality and character without flaw or weakness. He has become an isolated type, honored in the abstract, but copied not at all. In all the host of Americans before the eyes of the world today, the nearest approach to this superb specimen of virtue and practical worth, is the President himself. He is the one clean, wholesome and vigorous example we have to offer. That he maintains the equipoise of a thoroughly good man and citizen throughout the dangerous and alluring pit-falls of his career, is the best evidence of his fine nature and capacity for self-government, and we are glad to be able to cite him in this high relation, for in default of this example, we must have confessed ourselves bereft indeed.

THE POWER OF THE CZAR.

The declaration is attributed to Count Witte that the Czar has not abrogated his autocracy, but is still competent to modify or even wholly to withdraw and annul the scheme of reform which he proclaimed last fall. It is not altogether certain that the Prime Minister did make that statement, and there is no report of its precise phrasing, terms or circumstances. We may, however, assume that he did make some such declaration, and we may add that if he did so he said no more than is theoretically true.

Theoretically true, but no practically expedient. The obvious pretext for a withdrawal of the liberal grants of last October would be the attempted revolution which has since occurred. But it would surely be a strange policy to punish one revolt by provoking another and more serious one, as such withdrawal would almost certainly do. Moreover, as only a minority of the Russian people seem to have participated in the recent insurrection, it would not seem to comport with justice to punish the whole for the deeds of a comparatively small part.

The wise, brave and strong course will be for the Czar and his Prime Minister to go on resolutely with the scheme of cautious, conservative reforms, unmoved by any political storm which may be raised, either by reactionaries or by Red Radicals. Such a course is quite compatible with the inflexible suppression of disorder and the fullest reassertion of governmental authority, and it will, more than any other could do, vindicate not only the power, but also the constancy, the good faith and the broadminded benevolence of the Czar.

JAPS TO ADVERTISE.

It seems, according to the report of the American Consul-General at Niewchwang that the Japanese have "caught

on to" the value of advertising, in their competition for the trade of Manchuria, as against western rivals. It happens that the Mikado's government and the British-American Tobacco Company are both engaged in the sale of cigarettes, and that the Japs are doing more advertising among the Celestials than their western competitors. The Philadelphia "Record" thinks that: "Now that advertising has become a factor in Japan's onward push, the western nations will have a hard run for their money." It says also that "the commercial progress of Japan has been phenomenal." But when we remember the little people are called "the Yankees of the Orient" that is not to be wondered at. We ought to be proud of our pupils.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

As the days begin to lengthen the colds begin to strengthen.

Missourians are still coming on in the laudable attempt to find out to what extent they have been come-ons.

Indiana now has a town named for her humorist and playwright, George Ade. This is not a Fable, but a Fact.

Secretary Taft reports he has reduced his weight twenty pounds, but Mr. Poultney Bigelow does not feel as if the Secretary had done any such thing.

Probably round trip tickets to the Isthmus and back, with twenty-eight hours' stop-over in Colon, will not hereafter carry a coupon for inscribing the results of an exhaustive study of all existing conditions in the Canal Zone.

Washington correspondents say Congressmen are trying to undermine Roosevelt's popularity. Nevertheless, there may be a question who will be in the hole when it caves in.

By a vagary in composition, which we regret, we seemed yesterday to cast some doubts on the latinity of the Hon. John Sharpe Williams. We paraphrased and did not quote; and Mr. Williams was entirely blameless. It is known of all the world that the gentleman from Mississippi is as facile a master of Latin "as she was spoke" on Via Appia as he is with German "as she is spoke" in the shades of "Alt Heidelberg."—Ex.

Stephenson said, "It would be bad for the coo" that got in the way of a locomotive. Since that time there have been almost countless verifications of the prediction, where a single animal was involved. With a drove of cattle, however, the situation is changed. An express train tried the other day to force its way through such an obstacle in the outskirts of Lynn, and "traffic was suspended for nearly an hour" in consequence. There are limits to the capacity even of the modern engine.

The color line has been drawn in Pittsburg, with a difference. Bishop Canavin, of that diocese of the Church of Rome, has forbidden all white Catholics from worshipping in St. Benedict's Church, not because they are objectionable on account of their complexion, but because he fears they may in time crowd out the black men, for whom the church was set apart exclusively. At the same time he does not forbid negroes of that faith from worshipping in other churches.

Corean currency exists in various grades—first, government nickels; second, first-class counterfeits; third, medium counterfeits; fourth, counterfeits that pass only after dark. Civilization has not served Corea well in this regard that Japanese neighbors are clever counterfeiters. In earlier days Coreans used small shells as currency. They were probably better suited to the needs of the hermits than nickel coins.

An interview with the Sultan of Turkey has its amusing side. That monarch is not supposed officially to know any language but his own. An interpreter thunders his majesty's questions at the visitor, then cringes with awe as he listens to the words of his royal master. The contrast is close to the ridiculous. At the conclusion of the interview the Sultan rises and says quietly in the visitor's language or in French: "Now that our business is over, will you join me in my study and have a cup of coffee?"

Under the caption "Hymeneal" "The Wanriks News" has an eloquent wedding notice. It starts out thus: "The full fruition of all youthful aspirations was realized in the final consummation of a long and intimate acquaintance by the ceremony which united Jack Turneil and Mamie Brand in the holy bonds

of matrimony, which is hoped by all their relatives and friends to be the initiatory to a long and peaceful life which may in its continued experience be the epitome of all happiness and receive the richest blessings which heaven has to bestow."

There are bad tidings from Arizona. "The Tombstone Prospector" bewails the decadence of morals and manners; conspicuous citizens are taking to wearing "boiled" shirts and the other habiliments of an effete civilization. "Every symptom," adds our disgusted contemporary, "points to a tendency to spread on style in Tombstone. Among other instances in this direction the boys bought a pair of beautiful barber pole suspenders and presented them to the amiable dispenser who shoves the amber extract of cheerfulness over the mahogany of the Parlor saloon. He claimed to have donned the innovation, but complained that he felt like he had a fence rail on each shoulder. Then, when they became overburdensome, he would unbutton them and permit them to dangle in front; but he finally got them down fine enough to go to church in."

Two welcome developments are to be noted in relations between Chili and the United States. One is the action of the Chilean government in selecting an American bank in this city, as a depository for \$3,000,000 or more of the Chilean gold reserve. The other is the increase in trade between the two countries. It is true that our sales to Chili are not increasing much, which is chiefly our own fault; but Chilean sales to this country have nearly trebled in the last five years, and in both imports and exports the United States now stands third on Chili's list, Great Britain being first and Germany second. It is earnestly to be hoped that these conditions indicate a passing away of the unfortunate antagonism which a few years ago prevailed between the two countries, and a substantial growth of mutual confidence and cordial friendship.

In view of some current chatter about alleged intrigues, plots and ominous complications over the next Pan-American Congress, it is to be recalled that on December 6 last, at a meeting at Washington, in which the United States, Brazil, Mexico, Hayti, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Chili, Cuba, Bolivia, Guatemala, Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Uruguay, Paraguay and Ecuador were represented, the Brazilian government invited the congress to meet at Rio Janeiro on July 1, 1906, and the invitation was unanimously accepted. That incident would seem to have settled the place of meeting, and to make any subsequent intimations or suggestions of no significance.

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Reach Agreement.

London, Jan. 16.—The Standard this morning gives prominence to the statement that Great Britain and Russia have arrived at an understanding for a common course of action in the Moroccan conference at Algeiras.

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A Story of Barnum and An Old Negro Woman

BARNUM, the great showman, hearing of an old negro woman down in Tennessee who claimed to be 125 years old, called to see her with a view to securing her for a sideshow. He found that the old woman was really very ancient and commenced to question her to find out just how old she really was. He said to her: "Auntie, do you remember George Washington?" "I reckon I dux, sah. I's played wid him many a day." "Do you remember anything about the Revolutionary war?" asked Barnum. "Well, I should say I dux," replied the old lady. "I 'members when de bullets was a-finin' and a-zoonin' round here laik bumblebees, sah." "What do you remember about the fall of the Roman empire?" said Barnum. The old woman was "stumped" for a moment, but, recovering herself, replied: "I was a mighty leetle gal den, but I 'members heurin' de ole folks say dat dey heerd sumpin' drap."—Magazine of Fun.

A Good Man.

Neighbor—That tenant of yours in the top flat is a most disreputable person. He gets drunk six nights in the week, beats his wife, maltreats his children, and I have good reason to believe that his moral character is as bad as his habits. Landlord—Oh, surely, you must be mistaken! He pays his rent regularly on the first day of every month.—Somerville Journal.

The Barber's Substitute.

"What in the world do you want with a phonograph?" "Oh, you see, I'm a creature of habit. I started recently to shave myself." "Well?" "But I find I can't concentrate my mind on the job unless accompanied by a steady flow of horse, baseball and pugilistic talk."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Running No Risk.

Hardup—I'll never go to that restaurant again. The last time I was there a man got my overcoat and left his in its place. Well—But the proprietor wasn't to blame, was he? "No, but I might meet the other man."—Translated For Tales From Familie-Journe.

CHANGE OF TIME The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Commencing Sunday, November 19, train No. 6, the Royal Blue Limited, will leave Grand Central passenger station, Chicago at 5 p. m., instead of 3:30 p. m. and will arrive in Pittsburg at 6:35 a. m., Washington at 4:40 p. m., Baltimore 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia, 8:19 p. m. New York 10:40 p. m. the same as with the old schedule, thus reducing the time one hour and thirty minutes. No excess fare will be charged on this fast limited train. All other trains will arrive and depart the same as formerly. Stop-over is allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed ten days, at each place, on all first-class through tickets.

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